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In re the Application of:

Tae-kyung KIM et al.

Serial No. 09/987,426

Group Art Unit: 2873

Confirmation No. 6668

Filed: November 14, 2001

Examiner: William C. CHOI

For: OBJECTIVE LENS DEVICE FOR CORRECTING CHROMATIC ABERRATION AND
OPTICAL PICKUP EMPLOYING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on March 20, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 9-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please REPLACE claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 21, 23, 36 and 42 in accordance with the following:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) An objective lens device comprising three lenses wherein:
- a first of the three lenses has a negative power and is formed of a material having an Abbe number which is 45 or less in line d;
 - at least one of the three lenses comprises an aspherical surface; and
 - where a focal length of the first lens is f_n and an overall focal length of the objective lens device is f , the objective lens device satisfies the equation:

$$-2.4 < \frac{f_n}{f} < -1.4.$$